



Daughters of the Republic of Texas
Elisabet Ney Chapter DC, VA and MD
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Chairman Haaland, members of the United States House Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands. My name is Kitty Mellen Hoeck, a member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Elisabet Ney Chapter Washington DC, Virginia and Maryland.

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas are committed to the preservation of Texas heritage and the preservation of historic sites. The Elisabet Ney Chapter seeks legislation through the Commemorative Works Act to place a Commemorative Memorial to honor the Republic of Texas Legation to the United States 1836-1845.

When Texas was a republic between 1836 and 1845 diplomatic envoys were dispatched to London, Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam and Washington DC to represent the interests of the republic. France and Britain commemorate the Texas Legations' locations in Paris and London with plaques detailing the unique relation with the new Republic. From a historical preservation perspective, Washington DC needs to recognize the same distinctive relation but has no memorial.

I support H R 3349, The Republic of Texas Memorial Act to place a memorial in Washington DC.

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